

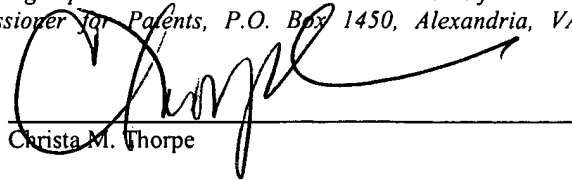


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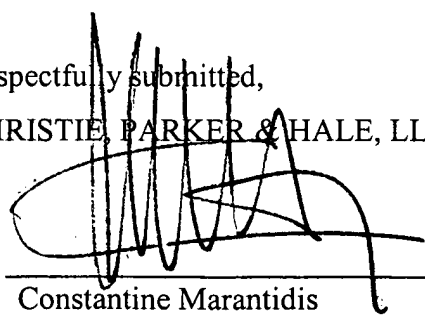
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In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed on October 4, 2005, applicant elects to continue prosecution with Species XII as shown in Figure 12 and claims 1-4, 6-25, 27, 28-37, 39, 40-44, 46, 47-53 and 55 readable thereon.

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